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OBJECTION ON DUAL TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance has objected to the dual technology mobile licences in the country;

(b) if so, whether it has been decided that both telecom and cable operators should offer network television;

(c) if so, whether the spectrum panel fails to resolve allocation issue;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry also briefed Prime Minister on telecom sector developments; and

(e) if so, the concrete measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Ministry of Finance had raised some queries on issues, inter-alia, related to usage of dual technology spectrum under the existing telecom access services licence(s) and necessary information was provided to the Ministry of Finance.

(b) Telecom service providers holding Unified Access Services (UAS) licence or Cellular Mobile Telecom Services (CMTS) licence as well as registered Cable TV operators can provide IPTV services without requiring any further licence subject to certain conditions.

(c) The "Committee on allocation of spectrum in a practicable and scientific manner" has given certain recommendations and the Government has taken a decision on the Report of the Committee.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Spectrum to the CMTS/UAS licensees is allotted as per the relevant provisions of their licence agreement and eligibility criteria for additional spectrum,subject to availability. The present criteria for allocation of additional spectrum has been issued after review in January, 2008.